1	2	3	4
	(ii) STD	1,43,085	48,426
	(iii) Highway	7,881	625
8.	No. of Blocks covered with Internet Dhaba	310	124

(b) The following steps are proposed to strengthen the telecommunications facilities of BSNL:-

(i) It is proposed to add 26.08 lakh GSM Mobile capacity, 2.10 lakh Broadband capacity in Uttar Pradesh and 11.74 lakh GSM mobile capacity, 0.60 lakh Broadband capacity in Bihar during 2009-10.

(ii) BSNL plans to cover villages having population more than 1000 by mobile services progressively in next three years.

(iii) Remote and far-flung areas, which are not possible to be covered with terrestrial technology, are planned to be covered with Digital Satellite Phone Terminals (DSPTs).

Usage of IT in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

3093. SHRI SABIR ALI:
SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:

Will the Minister of COMMINICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of propagation and usage of information technology in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and

(b) the steps that proposed to further strengthen and disseminate the information technology in the two States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) and (b) The Government is promoting usage of Information Technology in the States for better Governance and delivery of services to the citizens electronically. National e-Governance Plan envisages better, efficient, transparent and electronic delivery of G2G, G2C and G2B services. The details of major e-governance projects in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are given in the Statement (see below). Moreover, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) has created 51 Software Technology Parks for promoting IT across the country. 4 STPI Centres have also been established in Uttar Pradesh and one Centre in Bihar.

Statement

The details of major e-governance projects in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

Common Service Centre (CSCs) - Project

In the State of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar 17,909 and 8463 no. of CSCs respectively are to be set up. Till November end about 5000 CSCs in UP and about 5500 CSCs in Bihar have been set up.

e-District Project

Uttar Pradesh

e-District pilot project in six districts of Uttar Pradesh (Rae Bareli, Sitapur, Gorakhpur, Sultanpur, Gautam Budha Nagar & Ghaziabad) has been approved at the total outlay of Rs. 1891.84 lakhs. CeG is the State Designated Agency (SDA) for implementation of the project.

Bihar

e-District pilot project in 4 districts of Bihar has been approved of the total cost of Rs 11.48 crore for Nalanda, Madhubani, Aurangabad and at an outlay of Rs.274.32 lakhs for Gaya district.

Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (BSEDC Ltd) is the State Designated Agency (SDA) for implementation of the project.

Security audit of BSNL's network

3094. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had issued instructions to BSNL to conduct security audit of its network in view of concern over equipment supplied by Chinese vendor Huawei some months ago;

(b) if so, whether the task of security audit has since been completed by BSNL and presented report to Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof/and further reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) Sir, Department of Telecommunications had issued guidelines to BSNL in view of security concerns connected with BSNL's tenders for expansion of mobile services (2G and 3G) in various zones of the country. As per the guidelines BSNL has to undertake extensive security audit before operationalisation of all new systems, irrespective of origin of manufacturing. BSNL's tenders for expansion of mobile services (2G and 3G) in various zones have not materialized so far.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Telephone services in rural areas

†3095. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.